



CITY OF UNION GAP
IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT YOUR WATER SYSTEM



Coliform Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) Exceeded: Non-Acute MCL

The Union Gap Water System, ID 90250U, in Yakima County routinely monitors for the presence of total coliform bacteria and in October 2015 this type of bacteria was detected. Although this incident was not an emergency, as our customer, you have a right to know what happened and what we did or are doing to correct the situation.

*Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other potentially harmful bacteria may be present. Coliforms are found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems. The samples that showed the presence of coliform were further tested to see if other bacterial of greater concern such as fecal coliform or E.coli were present. **None of these bacteria were found.***

You do not need to boil your water. People with severely compromised immune systems, infants and some elderly may be at an increased risk and may want to contact their health care provider for additional guidance. Although the water system has recently experienced several water main breaks, and has also had several large water line extension projects completed, we are not certain as to the known source of the contamination.

As you may have noticed, upon the finding of the bacteria in the water, low dosage of chlorine was immediately introduced as a precautionary and disinfectant measure. Additional sampling is now being collected and we anticipate the resolving of the bacteria contamination by November 30, 2015. For information, contact Dennis Henne at (509) 225-3524 or at 3106 1st Street, Union Gap, WA 98903.

Please share this notice with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is sent to you by the City of Union Gap Public Works Department Water Division. Date notice was distributed November 18, 2015.

Coliform Non-acute Public Notice Certification Form

The purpose of this form (below) is to provide documentation to the department that public notice was distributed. Please check the appropriate box and fill in the date that the notice was distributed:

- Notice was mailed to all water customers on 11.18.15.
 Notice was hand delivered to all water customers on / / .
 Notice was posted (with department approval) at:

www.cityofuniongap.com on 11 / 19 / 15.



Director of Public Works & Community Development 11/19/15

Signature of owner or operator

Position

Date

The Department of Health is an equal opportunity agency; if this publication is needed in an alternate format, please call (509) 225-3524.

Send copy of completed notification and certification to:

Northwest Drinking Water
Department of Health
20425 72nd Ave S, Suite 310
Kent, WA 98032-2358
Phone: (253) 395-6750
Fax: (253) 395-6760

Southwest Drinking Water
Department of Health
PO Box 47823
Olympia, WA 98504-7823
Phone: (360) 236-3030
Fax: (360) 664-8058

Eastern Drinking Water
Department of Health
16201 E Indiana Ave, Suite 1500
Spokane Valley, WA 99216
Phone: (509) 329-2100
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AVISO IMPORTANTE ACERCA DEL SISTEMA DE SUMINISTRO DE AGUA

Las bacterias coliformes rebasaron el Nivel Máximo de Contaminación: NMC no agudo

El sistema de suministro de agua Union Gap, número (ID#) 90250U en el condado de Yakima County monitorea rutinariamente la presencia de bacterias coliformes totales. En la fecha October 2015, se encontró este tipo de bacteria. Aunque este incidente no es considerado una emergencia, como consumidor, Usted tiene el derecho a saber que pasó y que se ha hecho o se está haciendo para corregir esta situación.

Las bacterias coliformes se encuentran naturalmente en el medio ambiente y se usan como indicador de la posible presencia de otras bacterias que pueden causar daño a la salud. En las muestras tomadas, las bacterias se encontraron en mayor número que el permitido y esto es una indicación de posibles problemas. Las muestras con bacterias coliformes se analizaron con más detalle en el laboratorio para ver si bacterias coliformes fecales o E. Coli pudieran también haber estado presentes. Estas bacterias causan daño a la salud de las personas. **No se encontró ninguna de estas bacterias.**

No es necesario que usted hierva el agua. Personas con un sistema inmunológico severamente comprometido, los recién nacidos y algunas personas de edad avanzada pueden tener mas riesgo de salud y deberían llamar a algún personal médico para mayor información.

Aunque el sistema de agua ha sufrido recientemente varios descansos principales de agua, y también ha tenido varios grandes proyectos de extensión de la línea de agua completos, no estamos seguros en cuanto a la fuente que se sabe de la contaminación.

Como te habras dado cuenta, en el hallazgo de la bacteria en el agua, baja dosificación de cloro se introdujo inmediatamente como medida cautelar y desinfectante. Muestreo adicional esta siendo recopilada y anticipamos la resolución de la contaminación bacteriana November 30, 2015.

Para mas información, contacte a Dennis Henne en (509) 225-3524 o en el 3106 1st Street, Union Gap, WA 98903

Pase esta información a todas las personas pudieran tomar agua de este suministro, especialmente aquellas personas que no hayan recibido este aviso (por ejemplo, personas que viven en apartamentos, asilos de ancianos, escuelas y negocios.) Usted puede hacer esto colocando este aviso en un lugar público donde se pueda leer claramente o distribuyendo copias en persona o enviándolas por correo.

Este aviso es enviado a Usted por el Sistema de Suministro de Agua City of Union Gap fecha November 18, 2015.